

## City Manager's Column:

The words Interesting Times are being uttered on the news, social media and general conversation. Well, we are living in interesting times and we are adapting. We are adapting to new routines in our professional and personal lives. I hope that at the end of this article, you understand a bit better what the City of Eureka is doing so that services can continue yet best practices are implemented.

Firstly, information that is accurate and reliable is important. The City of Eureka has set up a COVID-19 page on its website that has links to various kinds of information. News and talk shows are overflowing with information and the by the minute updates can seem overwhelming. The CDC or California Department of Health website is a source of good information about COVID-19 and answers to your questions. Humboldt County has set up a phone line and email to take and answer questions. You can call them at 707-441-5000 or email them at [covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us). Additionally, the City is launching short, topical public service announcement videos to address relevant issues and topics. Transcripts of the public service announcements and the actual videos can be found on the City's website.

City operations have been altered in a variety of ways so that services are still provided, but in a way that complies with best practices and guidances. City Hall has been and will continue to operate on an appointment basis only for transactions such as building/planning/encroachment permits, utility billing and other payments. Staff and council meetings are held using video conferencing technology to allow for social distancing. Many city staff continue to work, but do so remotely from home to help with minimizing contact and traffic at city hall.

Utility shutoffs have been suspended for water and sewer for the foreseeable future. Payment plans can be worked out for residents who fall behind on payments due to layoffs caused by COVID-19 business closures. Business owners can seek relief by contacting the Small Business Development Center webpage and seeking resources to assist them through these trying economic times. At a emergency meeting of the City Council on March 30th, the City Council adopted an eviction moratorium to assist tenant and landlords how to navigate the Governor's directive on this matter.

Members of the City's leadership team meet several times a week to discuss and address COVID-19 response related issues. The County hosts a call in meeting of all agencies in the County two times a week to all for uniform updates on orders from the State or County and to answer questions in which different agencies need clarification.

Finally, I want to give a big thank you to our non-profit partners, Humboldt County, employees of Community Services and members of the Eureka Police Department that are on the front lines of interacting with the homeless population. The City has provided porta potties, handwashing stations, education efforts and screening for COVID-19.

Thank you for staying at home when possible. Washing your hands routinely. We will get through this together. Take care until we connect again the near future.

Dean Lotter  
City Manager



# April Community Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 City Council Meeting	8	9	10	11
12 Easter	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 City Council Meeting	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Stay updated on the latest information for the City of Eureka's information about COVID- 19 by following the link below:

[https://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/cm/covid\\_19\\_virus\\_information.asp](https://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov/depts/cm/covid_19_virus_information.asp)

# Officer of the Month: Andrew Endsley

Eureka Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Andrew Endsley was selected as April's Officer of the Month!

Officer Endsley recently began assisting CSET with Old Town Officer duties while the primary Old Town Officer was assigned FTO duties. Officer Endsley was commended for doing a sound job in Old Town. He has been proactively out on foot, building rapport, and doing everything that is asked of him. CSET is also currently conducting surveys and he is excelling in his participation with that. In addition, he goes above and beyond in his cases and is very thorough on his calls for service. He's also been commended on recent de-escalation skills as well as successfully assisting with traffic enforcement.

Congratulations Officer Endsley! Thank you for your commitment to the City and the Department!





## From the Desk of Eureka Police Department Fraud Prevention Expert Volunteer Joanna Cloutier

This month, given how COVID-19 has radically shifted our patterns to an online existence I thought some targeted resources for safety online for your children, Coronavirus scams, mental health and working from home would be most useful.



**Kids – safety online;** with everyone sheltering in place and attempting to accomplish their daily tasks online here are a few helpful resources to spark conversations with your kids about safety online.

- Games created to teach safety online by the FBI, for grades 3-8. <https://sos.fbi.gov/en/>
- Great resource arranged by grades K-12. <https://www.common sense.org/education/articles/23-great-lesson-plans-for-internet-safety>
- <http://www.safekids.com/family-contract-for-online-safety/> (Useful way to codify the online safety rules in a printed / easy to refer to format. Great conversation starter for the myriad of different complicated ways your child could get taken advantage of online.)



### COVID-19 relevant info

- Avoid coronavirus scams <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/coronavirus-scams-what-ftc-doing>
- Lots of good info about financial protections and benefits for you during the COVID-19 outbreak <https://www.consumer-action.org/alerts/articles/resources-for-consumers-impacted-by-the-covid-19-outbreak>



### Mental wellness

- NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness offers an amazing, detailed 14 page support guide, includes resources for mental health, homeless shelters, refilling prescriptions, and support groups online, including AA. <https://www.nami.org/getattachment/About-NAMI/NAMI-News/2020/NAMI-Updates-on-the-Coronavirus/COVID-19-Updated-Guide-1.pdf>
- General stress and coping information. [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fmanaging-stress-anxiety.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fprepare%2Fmanaging-stress-anxiety.html)



### Working from home

- Incredibly comprehensive, tips for working from home. Useful technology and tactics using LinkedIn Learning – the entire training plan is free. <https://learning.linkedin.com/blog/productivity-tips/new-to-working-remotely--these-resources-can-help>
- Are you familiar with the concept of zoom bombing – malicious hijack of your Zoom business meetings. Here is a helpful resource on how to prevent it. <https://security.berkeley.edu/resources/cybersecurity-and-covid-19/settings-preventing-zoom-bombing>

Be well Eureka. And as always, feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions or comments at [jcloutier@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:jcloutier@ci.eureka.ca.gov).

## Throwback Thursday – City Council Meetings of Yesteryear:

This is the first of monthly “Throwback Thursdays,” in which we will highlight Eureka Council Meetings of prior years.

In 1918, Eureka went up against an influenza pandemic that ranks among the worst in world history. The way our former Eureka Councilmembers responded to that crisis might be of interest now as the City deals with the coronavirus onslaught.

In late 1918 and early 1919, our former Eureka Councilmembers passed and then amended Ordinance No 778, requiring Eureka citizens to wear masks to prevent the spread of the Spanish Influenza. Ordinance No. 778 passed on November 6, 1918, and include penalties for those found not wearing a mask, “...by a fine of not less than Five Dollars (\$5.00) and not exceeding Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) or by imprisonment in the County Jail of the County of Humboldt for a period of not less than five (5) days...”

On January 7, 1919, Council passed Ordinance 781, which amended Ordinance No. 778 to include limiting of “...two or more persons to congregate...” and made it “...unlawful for any person or person to open, operate, conduct, or in any manner be connected with the giving or holding of any dance in the City of Eureka...”

### Excerpt of Council Minutes of November 6, 1918

“Council Chambers, City of Eureka, Calif., Wednesday, November 6, 1918.

Regular meeting of the Council held on the above date. President Mayor Cousins Presiding and Councilmen Burrill, Schulze, Gross, Steward and Moore...

Councilman Gross moved that Ordinance No. 778, an ordinance providing for and requiring the wearing of masks during the prevalence of the Spanish Influenza in the City of Eureka, be adopted.

Seconded by Councilman Steward and carried. Councilmen Burrill, Schulze, Gross, Steward and Moore voting in favor thereof and no one against the same...”



**Excerpt of Council Minutes of January 7, 1919**

“Council Chambers, City of Eureka, Calif., Tuesday, January 7, 1919.

Regular meeting of the Council held on the above date.

President Mayor Cousins Presiding and Councilmen Burrill, Schulze, Gross, Steward and Moore...

Councilman Stewart moved that Ordinance No. 781, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 778, entitled, “An ordinance providing for and requiring the wearing of gauze masks for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, etc.” be adopted.

Seconded by Councilman Schulze and carried. Councilmen Burrill, Schulze, Gross, Steward and Moore voting in favor thereof and no one against the same...”



To avoid infections, a typist wears a mask in New York City in 1918.

(U.S. National Archives and Records Administration)

Verbatim transcriptions of the City of Eureka Ordinance Nos. 778 and 781 are located at the following link. Note the typographical errors on the Ordinances. One can only imagine the stress a typist must have been under during this time.

Link to Ordinance Nos. 778 and 781:

<https://transfer.ci.eureka.ca.gov:5252/sharing/QEfbUtnSx>



# Humboldt Bay Fire Department

Humboldt Bay Fire and the City of Eureka are evaluating the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our services in light of State and Federal recommendations. We continue to adjust our operating procedures as we learn more about the virus in an effort to provide the highest level of service to the public while protecting our personnel, patients, and community.

**Increase in Use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**– In light of recent changes in recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), and as a further measure to reduce our crews' exposure to COVID-19 moving forward, we will be enhancing usage of PPE when interacting with the public.

Before, you may have seen our crew in a medical aid jacket, gloves, and eye protection for a typical medical aid call. As of late, our crew would have looked a little more clinical on calls including flu-like symptoms- wearing an N95 mask and Tyvek gown in addition to their jacket, gloves, and eye protection.

Now, crews will be wearing gloves, N95 masks, gowns, and eye protection on every medical aid call. In addition, crews will be wearing gloves, masks, and eye protection for every interaction with the public, call-related or otherwise.

These changes have been made in an abundance of caution to protect our personnel and their families, patients, and the community at large in light of the community spread of COVID-19.

**Other Protection Efforts**– Station-based protection measures include frequent hand washing and sanitizing, proper coughing and sneezing etiquette, social distancing, and regular cleaning of the stations, engines/trucks, and equipment with CDC-approved solutions. In addition, personnel are now screening themselves for symptoms and taking temperatures twice daily.

**Exposure Planning**– As the community spread of COVID-19 continues, we plan for the likelihood that personnel may be exposed to asymptomatic or symptomatic positive case(s) of COVID-19. We have a pandemic plan in place that accounts for personnel exposure, isolation, staffing, and continuity of operations to ensure the safety of our personnel and community.

Recently, several of our personnel were exposed to an asymptomatic patient who was hospitalized, became symptomatic, and later tested positive for COVID-19. This resulted in some personnel, none of whom have any symptoms, being quarantined. This underlines the importance of abiding by the guidance of the County Health Officer and working together as a community to flatten the curve of this virus and protect one another. As first responders, your Humboldt Bay Firefighters remain on the front lines and potentially at risk. Currently, over 3,700 firefighters in the U.S. are quarantined for symptoms related to COVID-19; Please do not let your Humboldt Bay Firefighters further add to that number. Stay at home for us so that we can stay at work for you.

**Stations Remain Closed**– Our stations remain closed to the public, so please refrain from in-person visits. If you are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 including fever, cough, shortness of breath, or gastrointestinal issues, please contact your health care provider.

Call 9-1-1 if you are experiencing a true medical emergency and alert the dispatcher to any flu-like symptoms.

Questions or Concerns about COVID-19? Contact the County of Humboldt's Joint Information Center (JIC) at 707-441-5000 or email [covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us](mailto:covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us)

Humboldt Bay Fire, the City of Eureka, and the County of Humboldt will continue to evaluate the threat of

COVID-19 to our community and provide updates as warranted. We remain committed to the safety of our community, and we will get through this together. Please help us by staying home. Together, we can flatten the curve.

# Eureka Community Services Department



*Welcome to Eureka's Community Services activities guide. Inside you will find great programs that will keep you busy all month long.*

**COVID-19: SOCIAL DISTANCING IN PUBLIC PARKS AND TRAILS**

- Do not use parks or trails if you are exhibiting symptoms.
- Be prepared for limited access to public restrooms or water fountains.
- Share the trail and warn other trail users of your presence and as you pass.
- Observe CDC's minimum recommended social distancing of 6' from other persons at all times.
- Follow CDC's guidance on personal hygiene prior to visiting parks or trails.

**NRPA** National Recreation and Park Association  
Because everyone deserves a great park

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## Community Services Program Cancellations and Facility Closures

- The Adorni Center
  - ⇒ Drop-in sports
  - ⇒ Fitness classes
  - ⇒ CPR classes
  - ⇒ Rentals
- Youth and Adult Sports
  - ⇒ Hoopsters practices and games
  - ⇒ Men's Basketball and Woman's Volleyball games
- Roller Skating at the Eureka Muni
- Annual Easter Egg-venture
- Community Class i.e. Toddler Soccer and Bitty Basketball
- F.U.N. Play Center
- Outside the Box After School Program
- Cooper Gulch After School Program
- The Wharfinger Building
  - ⇒ Rentals
  - ⇒ Staff will be onsite for essential services
- Sequoia Park Zoo, Gift Shop & Café
- Eureka Municipal Golf Course
- Cocina Mariposa, located at the Eureka Municipal Golf Course, is planning to reopen for take out on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Check their Facebook page for updates.
- Clara May Berry Park
- Play Structures & Restrooms at all City of Eureka Parks

*Restrooms along the waterfront trail are currently open at Truesdale St., Del Norte St., Samoa Bridge Boat Launch and in Old Town.*

# City of Eureka Employees

A BIG welcome to our new employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Start Date</u>
John Cunningham	Maintenance Worker I	Public Works	4/01/2020
Tim Wilson	Maintenance Worker I	Public Works	4/01/2020



# Notices:

Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Personnel Department.

**Email:** [ehague@ci.eureka.ca.gov](mailto:ehague@ci.eureka.ca.gov)  
**Phone:** (707) 441-4117  
**Website:** [www.ci.eureka.ca.gov](http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov)

## BOARD AND COMMISSION VACANCIES

You can participate in City government by serving on one of the more than 13 City boards, commissions and advisory committees. These advisory groups partner with the Eureka City Council and City staff to guide the future of our community. Learn how you can apply to serve on one of these boards on the City's website or by clicking [here](#).

Notice is hereby given that applications will be accepted for appointments to the following city boards and commissions until the vacancies are filled:

### BOARD/ COMMISSION:

#### Board of Appeals

Applications may be obtained by phone or in person from the Mayor's Office, City of Eureka, 531 "K" Street, Eureka, CA 95501, (707) 441-4144, or may be downloaded from the City Clerk's website, listed below.

In order to be eligible for appointment to any board or commission, a person must be a qualified registered elector of the City of Eureka, the Humboldt Community Services District or Humboldt County Service Area No. 3, or an owner of a business located within the city limits of the City of Eureka. The mayor shall make the appointments with the approval of a majority of the Council. Appointments of qualified non-city residents will require a four-fifths (4/5) vote of the Council for confirmation.

Members on Boards and Commissions shall be willing to serve as a civic responsibility and without compensation. No member of any board or commission shall hold any paid office or employment in the city government.

Applications will be accepted until filled. For more information, call the City Clerk at (707) 441-4175, or go to: [www.ci.eureka.ca.gov](http://www.ci.eureka.ca.gov).



### MAYOR

Susan Seaman

### CITY COUNCIL

Ward 1, Leslie Castellano  
 Ward 2, Heidi Messner  
 Ward 3, Natalie Arroyo  
 Ward 4, Austin Allison  
 Ward 5, Kim Bergel

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Dean R. Lotter, City Manager  
 Pam Powell, City Clerk/ IT  
 Bob Black, City Attorney

### DEPARTMENTS

#### Building/Public Works/Engineering

Brian Gerving

#### Development Services

Rob Dumouchel

#### Finance

Lane Millar

#### Humboldt Bay Fire

Chief, Sean Robertson

#### Community Services

Miles Slattery

#### Human Resources

Will Folger

#### Police

Chief, Steve Watson

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